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Dedication

We, the class of 1947, proudly dedicate our yearbook to Mrs. McNickle, secretary to Mr. MacLaughlin. In all her relationships with us she has displayed kindness, co-operation, and patience accompanied by a friendly spirit, which will remain foremost in the memories of our class.

MARLIN V. MACLAUGHLIN
Superintendent of Schools

KENNETH L. MACKENZIE
Principal

To the Members of the Class of 1947:

Congratulations to each of you. You have completed your public school education, and have attained a high school diploma. That diploma shows that you have completed twelve years of work in school. It does not, and cannot, indicate what you have earned during that time. You have a reward, but only time can measure its value. Your parents and your school have worked with you to make the most of the opportunities offered. What you accomplish in life will prove the extent to which their efforts, and yours, have been successful.

With confidence in your ability, and with faith in your efforts, I bid you Godspeed.

To the Members of the Class of 1947:

The graduating class of 1947 is to be congratulated upon the successful completion of four years of high school work at a time when the doors of opportunity in American life are again open.

You entered high school at a time of unprecedented world-wide strife and distress. The strain and hardship are now at an end.

The very magnitude and acuteness of the national and international distress of the recent past have increased the need for intelligent and skilled workmanship in every field of human endeavor. Your opportunities for human service are manifold.

As you leave the shelter of your homes and high school to face the problems of the world, remember that we are all interested in you and in what you do with your life. We trust that you will, in the words of Horace Mann, "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

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Editor's Message

Students of Berlin High School:

This year the Lamp Staff has endeavored to raise the standard of their yearbook and to set a precedent for the many yearbooks to come. Something that has never before been tried in publishing a yearbook at Berlin High School is the addition of advertising. This advertising was added to partially defray the expense of the other improvements.

I sincerely hope that this 1947 Lamp will bring back many fond memories of Berlin High School, and that it will continue to please its readers in years to come.

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Vice President

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Lois Hill,
Treasurer

Miss Elizabeth McBrien
Class Adviser

Seniors

ELIZABETH ABEL

"Betty"

"Betty is pretty, popular, true (?),
Goes horseback-riding, loves dancing, too."

Beacon 3; Dramatic Club 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Chorus 1; Orchestra 2.

Ambition: Model.

MARCELINE LOUISE ALLARIO

"Marcy"

"A ring on her finger, Marcy's the gal,
A helping hand ready, always a pal."

Honor Roll 1; Dramatic Club 2, Corresponding Secretary; Chorus 1, 2; Class Secretary 2, 3, 4; Advertisement Cashier of Lamp; Girls' Baseball 1; Senior Court; Minstrel Show 2, 3; Prom Committee 3.

Ambition: Working in an office and getting married.

STEVEN J. BACCARO

"Trigger"

"A handsome fellow, our class athlete,
An excellent dancer, Steve can't be beat."

Sports Club 2; Class Treasurer 2; Football 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Traffic Squad 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; A. A. Minstrel 2, 3, 4; Magazine Captain 1.

Ambition: Draftsman.

JOHN BADAL

"Badola"

"If you see a boy before a victrola,
His name is sure to be John Badola."

Sports Club 1; Basketball 1; Chorus 4.

Ambition: Mechanic.

ELIZABETH MARIE BELMONT

"Betty"

"Betty Belmont's quite the gal,
We hope she'll always be our pal."

Dramatic Club 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2; Beacon 3.

Ambition: Nurse.

BERNARD P. BRENNAN

"Prof"

"Brennan's the boy who's ready to work,
And as for brains, he's far from a jerk."

Honor Roll 1; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Biology Club 2, 3, Vice President 3; Class Vice President 4; Prom Chairman 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Lamp Editor 4; Boys' State 2; Chemistry Club 4; Judge of Student Court 3, 4; Prosecutor of Senior Court 4; Cafeteria Squad 4; Student Council 3, 4.

Ambition: College.

HOWARD FRANCIS CABLE

"Red"

"Howard Cable with bright red hair
Would make any girl stop and stare."

Dramtic Club 2, 3; Football 2, 3, 4.

Ambition: Draftsman.

JEAN MARIE CARLSON

"Chig"

"Hair of blond, Ipana smile,
That's our Jeanie all the while."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Archery Club 3, 4, Secretary 3; Biology Club, Secretary-Treasurer 2; Chorus 1, 2; Freshman Reception 4; Student Council 1; Traffic Squad 3, 4, Secretary 4; Librarian 1, 2; Chemistry Club 4; Dramatic Club 4; Motif Club 4; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Jamboree 3.

Ambition: College.

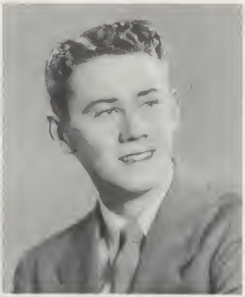
RUBY H. CLAUSON

"Rube"

"Ruby's the girl, when she gets the dough,
We hope to Sweden she can go."

Honor Roll 1; Dramatic Club 3; Forum Club 2; Motif Club 4; Girls' Basketball.

Ambition: Travel to Sweden.



DONALD J. CORR

"Don"

"In Problems Class, he had his fun,
Yes, Don's a friend to everyone."

Sports Club 2; Dramatic Club 3; Barn Dance 2; Prom 3; Basketball 1; Football 4; A. A. 3, 4, Vice President 3; A. A. Minstrel 2, 3.

Ambition: Censored.

BERTRAND W. DESROCHERS

"Bert"

"A family large we hope for Bert,
They'll get their pictures from Mr. Spirt."

Sports Club 2; Class President 2; Basketball 2, Manager 4; A. A. Minstrel 2, 3, 4.

Ambition: Draftsman.

WILLIAM PETER DORNFRIED

"Bill"

"He's the boy that does not bowl,
He works to make the Honor Roll."

Honor Roll 2, 3.

Ambition: College.

WILLIAM DRACHENBERG

"Bill"

"Tall boy, blond hair.
Need a car? Bill's there."

Music Club 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4.

Ambition: Army and then machinist.

IRENE BEVERLEY DURITY

"Kitty"

"Class actress she was voted, and she loves horses, too,
Always laughing, having fun, a true sport, thru and thru."

Archery Club 1; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 2, 4; Chemistry Club 3, 4; Forum Club 3; Motif Club 4; Cheerleader 2; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Prom 3; Freshman Reception 4.

Ambition: Actress.

NORMAN HARRY ERICSON

"Goch"

"Ericson's quiet, never a word,
We hope some day he will be heard."

Ambition: "Trade School" electrician.

BETTY ANN FITZGERALD

"Fitzi"

"She's cute, she's blond, she's so petite,
What beats them all, she's also sweet."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Motif Club 4; Tennis Club 2; Biology Club, Secretary 2; Typing Club 3; Chemistry Club 3, 4; Freshman Reception 4; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Prom 3; Cheerleading 3; Lamp Staff Secretary 4; A. A. 3, 4; Winner of Bond Drive 3.

Ambition: College.

BETTY LOU FLEISCHER

"Bet"

"An arrow shot into the air,
Betty Lou directed it there."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Archery Club 2, 3, President 3; Biology Club 2; Chemistry Club 3; Typing Club 3; Motif Club 4; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Prom 3; Freshman Reception 4; Girls' Basketball 1; Baseball 2; Tennis 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Beacon 4.

Ambition: Nurse.

PATRICIA JOANNE FRENCH

"French"

"When it's art we need in the book,
Pat's the girl we always hook."

Barn Dance 2; Prom 3; Freshman Reception 4; Art Editor of Lamp 4.

Ambition: None yet.

MARIAN ESTHER GIANNOTTA

"Butch"

"Marian never has much to say,
No matter what the time of day."

Chorus 1, 2; Chemistry Club 3; Motif Club 4; Typing Club 3; Dramatic Club 4.

Ambition: Insurance agent.

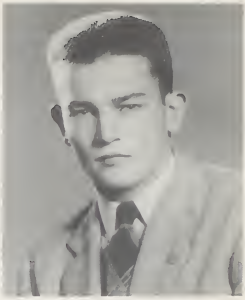
ELIZABETH ANN GOOBY

"Bett"

"Her voice is soft and sweet and low,
She can sing it fast or sing it slow."

Music Club 3; Chemistry Club 3, 4; Motif Club 4; Barn Dance 2; Prom 3; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Freshman Reception 4; Tennis 1; Girls' Basketball 2, 4; Baseball 2; Chorus 2, 3; Dramatic Club 4; Librarian 3.

Ambition: Singer with a band.



RONALD EDWIN GRIGGS

"Ron"

"A well built young fellow, an all round swell guy,
Ron has his fun from morn 'till nigh."

Honor Roll 1, 2; Aeronautics Club 2; Chemistry Club 3, 4, President 4; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Prom 3; Business Manager of Lamp; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Beacon 2, 3; Student Council 4; Traffic Squad 3, 4; Student Court 4.

Ambition: College.

GRAHAM EVERETT HALL

"Gra"

"To Graham Hall, all honors go,
To Washington he'll get, we know."

Honor Roll 1; Dramatic Club 2; Chemistry Club 3, 4; Forum Club 3; Class President 3, 4; Assistant Editor of Lamp 4; Baseball 1, 2, Manager 3; Chorus 1; Boys' State 2; Student Council 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Traffic Officer 4.

Ambition: College.

RICHARD ALDEN HEINZMANN

"Ricky"

"Rick is cutest, Rick is shy,
Rick is sure a real swell guy."

Honor Roll 2; Dramatic Club 2; Aeronautics Club 2.

Ambition: Drive racing cars.

LOIS JANE HILL

"Lo"

"A whiz at the piano, a scholar from the start,
Her red hair was so winsome, it captured everybody's heart."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Music Club Secretary 3, President 4; Class Treasurer 4; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Freshman Reception 4; Chorus Accompanist 1, 2, 3, 4; Beacon 4; Student Council 2, 3.

Ambition: College.

BARBARA ANN JOHNSON

"Bobbie"

"Ready to laugh, always a smile,
Bobbie's happy all the while."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Forum Club Secretary 3; Dramatic Club 2, Secretary 3; Librarian 2, 4; Motif Club 4; Chemistry Club Secretary-Treasurer 4; Barn Dance Chairman 2; Jamboree Chairman 3; Prom 3; Sadie Hawkins Dance Chairman 4; Literary Editor of Lamp; Girls' Basketball 2; Student Council 3.

Ambition: College.

CAROL LOU JOHNSON

"Doc"

"Carol did most for B.H.S.
For our class, too, she did her best."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Aeronautics Club Secretary 1; Chemistry Club 3, 4; Forum Club Vice President 2; Prom 3; Assistant Editor of Lamp 4; Girls' Basketball 2, 3; Archery Club 1, 2; Beacon 1, 2, 3, 4, Assistant Editor 2, 3, Art Editor 4; Student Council Secretary 2; Senior Court 4; Librarian 1, 2; Tennis 1; Gay Nineties Ball Chairman 4.

Ambition: Surgeon.

MARIAN ELEANOR JOHNSON

"Mimi"

"Marian loved to laugh, she was always full of fun,
She won the title of neatest girl and was a friend to everyone."

Chemistry Club 3; Motif Club 4; Music Club 3; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Prom 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Tennis 1; Girls' Basketball 4; Baseball 3; Chorus 2, 3.

Ambition: College.

BETTY J. KIEFFER

"Bet"

"To Betty Kieffer we give a smile
And wish her happiness all the while."

Prom 3.

Ambition: Stenographer.

LAURENCE H. KELLUM

"Larry"

"Handsome guy, you know who.
P.S. — a car, too."

Sports Club 2; Biology Club 3; Dramatic Club 3; Sports Editor of Lamp 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 3; Student Council 4; Traffic Squad 2, 3, 4; Sadie Hawkins Dance 4; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Jamboree 3; Barn Dance 2; A. A. Minstrel 2, 3, 4.

Ambition: College.

MARGUERITE AGNES KING

"Rite"

"Rita King asked, 'What's a bore?'
She doesn't know 'cause she's got Corr."

Dramatic Club Treasurer 2, 3; Forum Club 3; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3.

Ambition: Child's nurse.

HERBERT RICHARD KRAUSE

"Herb"

"There's a boy, it's Herbert Krause,
He's as shy as a country mouse."

Biology Club 2; Chemistry Club 3; Class Treasurer 1; Traffic Squad 3.

Ambition: College.

MURIEL IRENE LARSON

"Murnie"

"To Muriel Larson nothing's hard,
She sure is smart with that 'A' on her card."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 2; Typing Club 3; Motif Club President 4; Chemistry Club 4; Chorus 1; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Prom 3; Freshman Reception 4; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Sadie Hawkins Dance 4; Librarian 2, 3; Christmas Card Committee 4; Tennis 1; Lamp 4.

Ambition: College.

LUCILLE MARY LUDDY
"Lou"

"To Lucille Luddy we give a toast,
A well dressed gal, we sure can boast."

Biology Club 2; Typing Club 3; Motif Club 4; Barn Dance 2; Jamboree 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Prom 3; Sadie Hawkins Dance 4; Chorus 1.

Ambition: Nurse.

SALLY ELIZABETH MARINO
"Sal"

"There's Sally Marino, boy she's cute,
When she gets married, she'll marry a brute."

Honor Roll 3; Dramatic Club 3; Chorus 1.

Ambition: Marriage.

ANNA THERESA MAYER
"Peanuts"

"When tickets for dances have to be done,
Call Anna Mayer, she is the one."

Motif Club, Secretary 4; Sadie Hawkins Dance 4.

Ambition: Office girl.

ROBERT ARNOLD MEIGS
"Bob"

"A quiet member of our class, never much to say,
Always lends a helping hand, any time of day."

Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Aeronautics Club 2; Biology Club 2; Typing Club 3, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Traffic Squad 4.

Ambition: College.

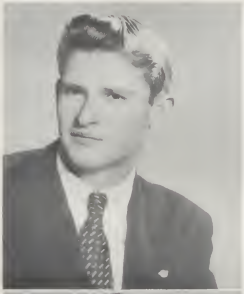
CHARLES G. MERRITT

"Duffy"

"He's so handsome, that Charles Merritt,
I don't see how the girls can bear it."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Club Vice President 4; Traffic Squad 3, 4; Judge of Senior Court 4; A. A. 3, 4.

Ambition: Undertaker.



WILLIAM STEPHEN NORTON JR.

"Willy"

"Willy's always first to a fire,
Whether on a hill or in a quagmire."

Chorus 1, 2, 3; Sport Club 1; Forum Club 2.

Ambition: Lawyer.

RICHARD ARTHUR OVERSTROM

"Swede"

"Most every day his seat is empty,
That's 'cause he has work a-plenty."

Radio Club 3.

Ambition: Undecided.

FLORENCE MARY PAJOR

"Flop"

"A flash and a dash and there goes Flo,
Always in a hurry, always on the go."

Honor Roll 2; Prom 3; Freshman Reception 4; Girls' Basketball 2; Chorus 2; Student Council Secretary 4; Senior Court Clerk 4; Lamp Staff 4; Motif Club 4.

Ambition: Medical Secretary.

WILLIAM THOMAS PAYANIS

"Bill"

"A car he knows from head to toes,
And when he's through, it always goes."

Aeronautics Club 2.

Ambition: To travel.

JOHN G. PUPPEL

"Jack"

"Jack is tall, dark, and sweet;
His personality can't be beat."

Football 1, Manager 4; Chorus 1, 4.

Ambition: Indefinite.

LORRAINE MARY ROCHEFORT

"Lorrie"

"Lorraine's the girl with portrait fair,
'Cause of the radiance of her hair."

Chorus 1, 2; Motif Club 4; Barn Dance 2; Sadie Hawkins Dance 4.

Ambition: General office work.

MARGARET MARY SAMPL

"Maggy"

"Margaret always has little to say,
She makes her friends in a quiet way."

Ambition: Work.

GEORGE EDWARD SEDDON

"Shorty"

"Our famous photographer, Shortie's the guy;
Yes, he'll take your picture, if you're not camera shy."

Honor Roll 1, 2; Chemistry Club 4; Biology Club 2; Dramatic Club 3; Photographic Editor of Lamp 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 2.

Ambition: Dentist.

JOANNE DEE SIEBERT

"Jody"

"A T. S. Member, Jo's o.k.;
A doctor, too, she'll be someday."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Archery Club Treasurer 1, President 2; Aeronautics Club 2; Biology Club Vice President 2; Chemistry Club 3, 4; Secretary 3; Motif Club 4; Class Secretary 1; Prom 3; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Freshman Reception Chairman 4; Girls' Basketball 3; Girls' State 2; Traffic Squad 4; Magazine Drive, Assistant Manager 3, Manager 4.

Ambition: College.

MILDRED JULIA SLATER

"Millie"

"The girl with the brain is Mildred Slater,
We know it will come in handy later."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Club 1; Dramatic Club 3; Typing Club 3; Motif Club 4; Chorus 1; Chemistry Club 4; Librarian 3, 4.

Ambition: Pharmacist.

BERTHA JEAN SYMANSKI

"Bert"

"Bertha Symanski, boy, she's a pip;
No boy will get her, if he's a drip."

Dramatic Club 3; Motif Club 4.

Ambition: Traveling private secretary.

ARLENE E. TACK

"Sissie"

"Arlene Tack's the girl with the stick;
To lead the orchestra's quite a trick."

Music Club 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ambition: Musician.

ALFRED JOSEPH TEE

"Al"

"We wish the best to Alfred Tee,
A good mechanic he's sure to be."

Basketball 2, 3; Barn Dance 2.

Ambition: Mechanic.

KATHERINE MARGARET VANDRILLA

"Toots"

"Katherine Vandrilla, she needs no beau,
For you see, she's got Marco."

Beacon 1; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Prom 3; Lamp Typist 4.

Ambition: Private secretary.

MARIE ELIZABETH VENTURO

"Marie Venturo's a smart little lass,
She's one of the girls at the head of our class."

Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 2; Tennis 1; Typing Club 3; Motif Club 4; Gay Nineties Ball 3; Freshman Reception 4; Sadie Hawkins Dance 4.

Ambition: College.

JANICE MAY WOODS

"Jan"

"She seems to be the quiet kind,
But when you know her you'll change your mind."

Motif Club Vice President 4; Prom 3.

Ambition: Secretary.

Servicemen

GEORGE GILBERT

WILLIAM MITCHELL

During our years at Berlin High School we were proud of the members of our class who enlisted in the armed forces. These classmates, who are now in the army and navy, have served in Japan and Korea. They received their training in numerous camps throughout the United States.

RAYMOND PANASEWICH

EDWARD DESROCHERS

Class Prophecy

Washington, D. C.
May 16, 1959

Dear Glenda,

On this lovely spring morning I just had to write and tell you the latest news.

Last week, after receiving an invitation to dinner at the White House-from Charles Merritt, U. S. President, I called Bernard Brennan, my theatrical agent, and cancelled my appointment with him. We were to look over a new movie script which Florence Pajor, well-known movie writer, has arranged for me.

I arrived at the White House driveway just as Ricky Heinzmann alighted from his latest invention, a boat with four wheels and two wings. His two airline stewardesses, Betty Ann Fitzgerald and Ruby Clauson, rushed to meet me. It seemed that they, too, had received invitations from President Merritt. Apparently this dinner was to be similar to a class reunion.

We were met at the door by the receptionist, Marian Johnson, who greeted us warmly with the words, "Hi, folks! Gee, it's been ages, hasn't it? It seems longer than twelve years. Don't you wish we were back in good old B.H.S.? Oh, guess what! Carol Johnson was able to come. At first we were afraid she couldn't because she was to have made a report on her latest discoveries in surgery to doctors in Vienna, but she's put it off until next week. Well, come in and see everyone."

We walked into the East Room where everyone was milling around, and we mingled with all our old school chums for a few minutes before dinner. After greeting the President, I was near Graham Hall and Bert Desrochers, so I stopped to talk with them. Graham was discussing his dairy business and "I now produce the nation's best evaporated milk," he told me proudly. Bert, who had realized his life-long ambition of being the father of a LARGE family, was asking Graham to deliver ten cases of evaporated milk to his home the next week. "It takes quite a bit to feed ten children," he explained.

The next group I met was composed of Joanne Seibert, Barbara Johnson, Mildred Slater, and Betty Ann Gooby. Joanne is a bacteriologist in a laboratory at the University of Southern California, where she is working on secret research for the government.

Mildred Slater owns a pharmacy and runs a restaurant in New York. Muriel Larson is her nutritional adviser.

Barbara Johnson always wanted to be a social worker, and what acclaim she has received in lowering the divorce rate in New York. She is busy day and night, especially settling the disputes between Betty Ann Gooby and hubby Joe.

Just as I turned toward another group, Herby Krause, first chef of the nation, announced that dinner was served, and before we knew it we were all tasting Herby's delicious spaghetti dinner with fried turkey (a recipe he worked out himself). As we sat at the table, we compared notes on our experiences and the professions we entered after leaving Berlin High. Lorraine Rochefort has her long-dreamed-of advertising office, with eleven secretaries and stenographers working for her. This number includes Anna Mayer, Betty Kieffer, Marion Giannotta, Janice Woods, Bertha Symanski, Sally Marino, and Margaret Sampl.

Katherine Vandrilla is a private secretary, but, instead of working for Lorraine, she is employed by Marco Rockefeller, and she loves her job.

Richard Overstrom is a state trooper in Massachusetts, and he came to the dinner in his dark blue uniform with "genuine gold" buttons.

Our Class of '47 turned out four very fine auto mechanics. Alfred Tee, John Badal, Bill Drachenberg, and Bill Payanis all went into business together. They own a huge auto repair shop here in Washington, D. C., and they have named it "The Four Busy Bees."

George Seddon is a dentist. If anyone wants a tooth pulled, his office is to be found in Brooklyn.

Bill Norton is a promising young lawyer. It looks as though he will go far. When Howard Cable retires from his position as Attorney-General, I am sure Bill will be there to take his place.

We had an elementary teacher in our midst. Jean Carlson, so patient with children, makes a wonderful instructor. The only trouble is the little girls are complaining because the little boys are all in love with their teacher.

Marceline Allario, or rather Mrs. Guarino, now wears a golden wedding band on her finger with that big beautiful diamond. She can cook now and Tud no longer gets indigestion.

Betty Abel, a Powers model, attended the dinner wearing an adorable creation styled by Pat French, who designs clothes for actresses and models.

Jack Puppel was also present. He owns a swank yacht club, you know, and Steve Baccaro and Donald Corr manage it for him.

When I asked Betty Belmont how her stenography was coming on, she replied, "What do you mean? I'm a swimmer, not a stenographer. Why, do you know, I won the Florida State Championship for swimming in 1955? Wait until I see Esther Williams."

Norman Ericson is a jockey. He rode "My Lady Slipper" to a quick win in last year's Kentucky Derby.

Robert Meigs showed us something unusual when he brought a few colored chicken eggs with him to the dinner. He is experimenting with these eggs and apparently there is some way in which he can obtain red, green, and purple eggs simply by adding dye to a hen's food.

Lucille Luddy is a graduate nurse and she is working in a grand new hospital in Nebraska.

Two other nurses, Betty Lou Fleischer and Marie Venturo, were present at the dinner. Betty Lou is interested in bone surgery, while Marie is studying blood chemistry.

Rita King sat next to me at the table. She owns a fox farm, and those beautiful silver foxes of hers are breath-taking. She brought pictures of them with her.

After dinner Larry Kellum kept us enthralled for hours telling us his narrow escapes from elephants and lions which he hunts in Africa. He has already had one of his books, titled "Hunting," published.

Bill Dornfried told us something of his profession. He is a deep-sea diver, and he has brought to the surface of the ocean everything from sponges to pearls.

Ronnie Griggs is heard on the radio every day. He is one news commentator that will look at both sides of a question fairly.

After chatting a while we all settled down to listen to Lois Hill play the piano, accompained by Arlene Tack and her magic violin. Lois plays the piano for the Philharmonic Orchestra of Los Angeles, and she has played in Carnegie Hall. Arlene has her own radio program, and everyone listens to her "Sunday Evening Hour of Music" each Sunday night.

Well, we had a remarkable class, didn't we? We didn't all turn out as we had hoped, but I think we are all pretty well satisfied. We hope Miss McBrien, our Senior Class adviser, is proud of us. We're proud of the way she "brought us up."

I hope you are all well and I shall see you in Hollywood next year.

Your friend,
Bev Durity

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,
She had so many children, she didn't know
what to do . . . . .

M. VENTURO MOST VERSATILE
A. OVERSTREET CLASS BOMBSHELL
A. TEE CLASS MECHANIC
R. REIGS QUIZ KID
P. FRENCH CLASS ARTIST
M. GIANNOTTA CLASS DANCER
B. A. GOODY CLASS SINGER
C. JOHNSON MOST AMBITIOUS
L. KELLUM MOST COLLEGIATE
F. TAJOR NOISIEST
M. JOHNSON NEATEST
L. MILL BEST SPEAKER CLASS MUSICIAN
R. HEINEMANN NOISIEST, MOST DARING
K. VANDRILLA CLASS WOLF
W. NORTON MOST ROMANTIC
B. ABEL MOST ATTRACTIVE
W. PAVANIS FACULTY HEADACHE
P. CLAWSON FACULTY HEADACHE
J. CARLSON IPANA SMILE
M. SAMPL QUIETEST
L. ROCHEFORT CLASS DREAMER
B. BRUNNER MOST TALKATIVE
W. DRACKEN-BERG WOMAN HATER
B. FITZGERALD CLASS ATHLETE
H. CARLE NEATEST
J. PUPPER BEST DRESSED
B. KIEFFER MOST CAREFREE
W. DORRAFRIED MOST GULLIBLE
M. SLATER QUIZ KID
G. SEDDON CLASS BLUFFER
J. WOODS PEPPIEST
A. TACK NIGHT-HAWK
M. LARSON MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
J. BADAL CLASS DREAMER

Class Will

We, the Class of 1947 of Berlin High School, Town of Berlin, County of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, realizing that our intellectual struggle is over and our days at this educational institution are at an end, do hereby declare this to be our Last Will and Testament and make the following bequests:

To Berlin High School, we leave the hope that there will be a new school very soon.

To Mr. MacLaughlin, we leave the hope that he will be superintendent of the new Berlin High School.

To Mr. MacKenzie, we leave our appreciation for his patience and guidance during our four years at Berlin High.

To Mrs. McNickle, who has been such a wonderful friend, we leave our best wishes.

To Miss Thompson, we leave the hope that she will enjoy her teaching at Berlin High.

To Mrs. Kravitz, we leave a year's supply of train tickets from New Haven to Berlin.

To Miss Wolf, we leave a pair of white mice for experimentation.

To Miss McBrien, we leave our most sincere thanks for her guidance throughout the entire year.

To Miss Planting, we leave a thirty hour week for the rest of her school years.

To Miss Spangenberg, we leave our ingenious theories on how to trisect an angle.

To Miss Flannery, we leave a miracle machine to keep our finances straight.

To Miss LeVan, we leave our love of poetry.

To Miss Miglioli, we leave our thanks for her advisorship of our Junior Class and her help in our four years of school.

To Miss Lynch, we leave forty new Royal typewriters with magic margins.

To Mr. Harris, we leave a brand new music room.

To Mr. Gibney, we leave a new team of six-foot players.

To Mr. Kevorkian, we leave a new set of drawing tools.

To Miss Bolin, we leave enough sewing machines for each person in her class.

We make the following individual bequests:

I, Betty Abel, leave my special knack for chewing gum to Clarissa O'Connell.

I, Marceline Allario, leave my position as Secretary of the Senior Class to Pat Gould.

I, Steve Baccaro, leave my athletic ability to Raymond Reynolds.

I, John Badal, leave.

I, Betty Belmont, leave my love of arguing to Barbara Repczynski.

I, Bernard Brennan, leave my many "wives" to Lauren Edwardson.

I, Howard Cable, leave my wise-cracks to Robert Reeve.

I, Jean Carlson, leave my summer-time tan to Barbara Knowles.

I, Ruby Clauson, leave my sense of humor to Marcelyn Poppel.

I, Donald Carr, leave my dancing ability to John DiMugno.

I, Bert Desrochers, leave my crooning ability to Russell McCain.

I, William Dornfried, leave my boisterous laugh to Fred Willis.

I, William Drachenberg, leave my duties as driver and card table hauler to

Donald Norton.

I, Beverley Durity, leave my practice of going "steady" to Louise Sokolowski.

I, Norman Ericson, leave my love for school to Rodney Barrett.

I, Betty Ann Fitzgerald, leave my stature to William Shoplick.

I, Betty Lou Fleischer, leave my archery ability to Jane MacLaughlin.

I, Patricia French, leave my artistic ability to Elsie Buxton.

I, Marion Giannotta, leave my job at Mildrum's to Barbara Bentley.

I, Betty Ann Gooby, leave my pack of troubles to Gloria Tomasi.

I, Ronald Griggs, leave my flashy red shirt to Edward Soroka.

I, Graham Hall, leave my outstanding leadership ability to Charles Vigra.

I, Richard Heinzmann, leave my original book reports to Bill Raineault.

I, Lois Hill, leave my nickname "carrots" to the redheads of Berlin High School.

I, Barbara Johnson, leave all borrowed articles to their owners.

I, Carol Johnson, leave my long blond hair to Rita Roy.

I, Marian Johnson, leave my visiting hours at the dentists to Betty Lou Firnhaber.

I, Betty Kiefer, leave my seat in English class to Sophie Valenti.

I, Laurence Kellum, leave my flivver to Louis Marino.

I, Rita King, leave my notes from Dounie to Maxine Hinton.

I, Muriel Larson, leave my scholastic ability to Nancy Baldwin.

I, Herbert Krause, leave my bashfulness to Billy Lane.

I, Lucille Luddy, leave my many sweaters to Anna Centurelli.

I, Sally Marino, leave my good-naturedness to Jean Ross.

I, Anna Mayer, leave my position at the mimeograph machine to Rita Beaulieu.

I, Robert Meigs, leave my prize chickens to David Larson.

I, Charles Merritt, leave my dignity to Billy Bolles.

I, William Norton, leave my duffle bag to some future serviceman.

I, Richard Overstrom, leave my manly voice to Everett Seaburg.

I, Florence Pajor, leave my love for singing to Jo Tinti.

I, William Payanis, leave my captivating smile to Eddie Reynolds.

I, Jack Puppel, leave my many feminine admirers to Arnold Johnson.

I, Lorraine Rochefort, leave my spare time to Pauline Schnitzke.

I, Margaret Sampl, leave my quiet nature to Sylvia Jones.

I, George Seddon, leave my seat in French III to Paul Scalora.

I, Joanne Seibert, leave my collection of bracelets to Margaret Kelsey.

I, Mildred Slater, leave my place on the honor roll to some deserving freshman.

I, Bertha Symanski, leave my big brown eyes to Simonne Boisvert.

I, Arlene Tack, leave my position as concert mistress to Louise Lund.

I, Alfred Tee, leave my enrollment at N. B. Trade School to Louis DeVivo.

I, Katherine Vandrilla, leave my little black address book to Rachel Culver.

I, Marie Venturo, leave my friendly manner to Jean Woods.

I, Janice Woods, leave my bookkeeping machine to Claire Padelli.

In witness whereof we, the Class of 1947 of Berlin High School, do hereby set our hand and seal, this, the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine-hundred and forty-seven.

Witnesses:
Senator Claghorn
Digger O'Dell
Finnegan

Signed: Class of 1947

Class History

DIARY - 1944

Sept. 3 - Began school today. Gee, but it seems hard!

Oct. 19 - Tonight we had the Freshman - Senior reception. Our initiation to furnish entertainment. It was a melodrama. Don Griggs, hero, Bill Dornfried, villain.

Dec. 20 - Gave "Christmas Carol" for assembly. Paper bag turkey with cotton stuffing.

DIARY - 1945

Nov. 27 - We ordered our class rings today. They ought to be here by our Junior year.

May 4 - We gave our first dance tonight. The Sophomore Barn Dance. Lots of fun and lots of people.

May 29 - Our class picnic today - at Willow Brook Park. "Shooty-shoots," softball and everything!!

DIARY - 1946

Nov. 12 - Junior Jamboree. A sort of barn dance and social. Good crowd.

March 14 - Gay Nineties Ball. The most successful dance we've given. It was complete with (root-) beer and a stove!

May 14 - A few Juniors caught on the Senior walk.

May 18 - To-night's the big night! The Prom - biggest dance of the year. Spanish garden

DIARY - 1947

Oct. 4 - Gave the Freshmen their initiation and reception today. Girls with garters - boys with skirts.

Nov. 22 - Sadie Hawkins Day Dance. Girls get the men.

March 7 - Our second dance.

April 17-18 - For two nights we have given our play. It was really funny!

June 6 - Our last big formal, the Senior Ball. It was beautiful.

June 18 - Graduation.

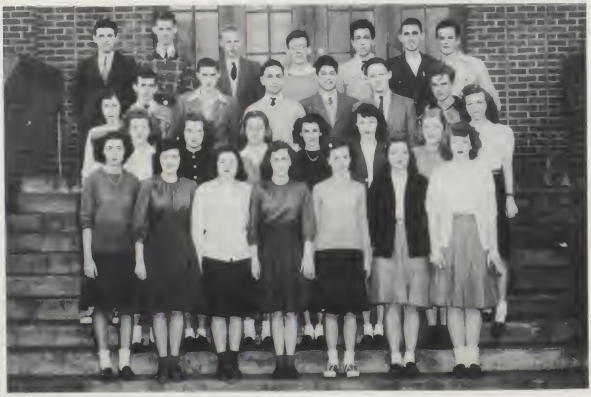
Good-bye, dear B.H.S.

Underclassmen

Junior Class

Class Adviser — Miss Norma Wolf

Charles Vigra — *President*
Edwin Reynolds — *Vice President*
Patricia Gould — *Secretary*
Nancy Baldwin — *Treasurer*



Sophomore Class

Class Adviser — Miss Ruth Spangenberg

Philip Tinsley — *President*

Charles Genovese — *Vice President*

Audrey Cooney — *Secretary*

Betty Blomgren — *Treasurer*

Freshman Class

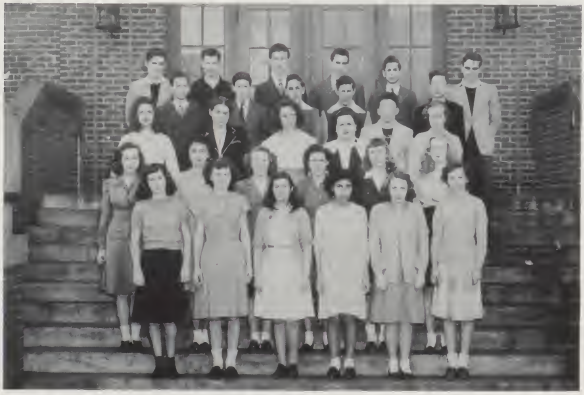
Class Adviser — Mrs. Zelda Kravitz

Ralph Palumbo — *President*

Dean Seibert — *Vice President*

Shirley Kellum — *Secretary*

David McCain — *Treasurer*



Sports

S. Baccaro, Captain, L. Kellum, R. Griggs, H. Cable, D. Corr, R. McCain, J. Ulkus, R. Fiori, D. Lowell, A. Johnson, C. Focareto, P. Kornichuk, P. Tinsley, D. McCain, J. DiMugno, G. Cable, F. Nolan, R. Palumbo, E. Cooney, D. Clark, R. Lenois, R. Kiefler, R. Morse, C. Crowell, J. Puppel, Manager.

Football

Playing under the guidance of its new coach, William A. Gibney, the Berlin High School football team turned in a very successful season. The team set a new school record by winning five games and losing only two. The two defeats came from the hands of Westport and Southington, two class "B" schools. The team had a fighting spirit and a great ability to come from behind to turn a defeat into a victory.

Berlin — 6	A. S. D. — 0
Berlin — 37	Jr. Republic — 0
Berlin — 7	Westport — 18
Berlin — 7	Canton — 6
Berlin — 20	Simsbury — 6
Berlin — 19	Griswold — 6
Berlin — 7	Lewis — 21

C. Vigra, S. Baccaro, L. Kellum, F. Soroka, W. Bolles, P. Kornichuk, D. Clark, C. Focareto, J. DiMugno, P. Tinsley, K. Schultz, E. Cooney, D. McCain, R. Palumbo, G. Wishart, W. Wishart, R. Quarello, C. Genovese, R. Kieffer, R. Roche, W. Lane, R. Luddy, R. Dornfried.

C. Vigra, S. Baccaro, L. Kellum, F. Soroka, B. Bolles, P. Kornichuk, D. Clark, C. Focareto, J. DiMugno, P. Tinsley.

Basketball Team 1946-1947

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Berlin — 21	Sacred Heart — 30
Berlin — 20	Ellsworth — 45
Berlin — 39	Durham — 25
Berlin — 24	Canton — 31
Berlin — 17	Portland — 27
Berlin — 54	Durham — 24
Berlin — 29	Lewis — 63
Berlin — 35	Plainville — 69
Berlin — 38	Canton — 42
Berlin — 32	Newington — 50
Berlin — 24	Ellsworth — 49
Berlin — 29	Farmington — 44
Berlin — 24	Plainville — 50
Berlin — 35	Sacred Heart — 49
Berlin — 25	Lewis — 53
Berlin — 31	Newington — 47

During the past basketball campaign Berlin High made no shining strides in its endeavor for a winning combination. Although at the season's outset prospects were promising, a winning team failed to materialize. Berlin possessed no scoring offense, and its defense succumbed to the scoring momentum of such teams as Lewis, Ellsworth, Plainville, Farmington, Sacred Heart, and others. Berlin did gain twin victories over Durham. Although Berlin did not enjoy a winning season, its gallant spirit and sportsmanship cannot be overshadowed, for it is only a true champion who can play the game with his heart, win or lose.

Baseball

With the close of the 1946 baseball season the Berlin High School team turned in a successful campaign with seven victories and six defeats.

With seven of the starting nine men returning to the lineup Berlin again expected to field a successful team. The letter men who returned are S. Baccaro, L. Kellum, C. Vigra, E. Soroka, P. Tinsley, J. DiMugno, and Carl Focareto.

Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders, under the capable guidance of Miss Ruth Spangenberg, worked well this year, boosting the morale of the players and leading the spectators and loyal rooters of Berlin High.

New cheers, such as the Huddle Cheer, the Flag Cheer, Berlin's on the Court, and a few more, were added to the list of cheers.

The girls on the squad were: Anne Centurelli, Audrey Cooney, Carol Griggs, Sallie Johnson, Jane MacLaughlin, Marcelyn Poppel, Frances Recck, and Louise Sokolowski.

The girls alternated as manager at every game.

Girls' Basketball

This year a regular girls' basketball team was formed with Miss Violet Thompson as coach.

For the first time in the history of Berlin High School the girls played against outside schools. The starting lineup was: Right Forward, Barbara Repczynski; Left Forward, Jane Conger; Center Forward, Sylvia Jones; Right Guard, Rita Beaulieu; Center Guard, Nancy Baldwin; Left Guard, Pat Gould. Substitutes were: Josephine Tinti and Louise Sokolowski, Right Guards; and Ruby Clauson, Center Guard.

Archery

The Archery Club was inactive during the fall months, but in the spring they entered two teams in the national tournament under the direction of Miss Marie LeVan. The teams made a good showing and should be complimented on their efforts.

Athletic Association

Under the guidance of Mr. Kenneth L. MacKenzie the A.A. has done an excellent job in running the financial affairs of the athletic teams. This year they sponsored a magazine drive to raise money to buy new uniforms for next year's teams.

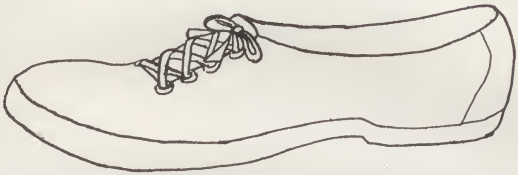
C. Vigra, D. Corr, R. McCain, S. Baccaro, L. Kellum, C. Merritt, R. Avery, R. Palumbo, B. Fitzgerald, R. Guite, J. McMurray.

Counselors In Sports

This year in Berlin High School we were very fortunate in having such capable leaders in our athletic department. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the excellent work they have done.

Mr. William Gibney, Miss Marie LeVan, Miss Ruth Spangenberg, Miss Violet Thompson, Mr. Arthur Kevorkian.

Activities



Student Council

The Student Council is a representative group of students selected from the classes by the students and approved by the faculty. Eligibility is determined by scholarship and leadership. The Council serves as an advisory board, considers problems of the students, and coöperates with the student body to make all extra-curricular and social activities a success. Graham Hall served as president, and Miss Marie Le Van acted as adviser.

The Student Court this year consisted of Judge, Bernard Brennan; Prosecutor, Ronald Griggs; Clerk, Charles Vigra; and Adviser, Miss Marie LeVan. The Student Court is to be congratulated for its work in maintaining order in Berlin High School.

Student Court

Traffic Squad

The Traffic Squad is a part of the representative group of our student government made up of students selected from the classes by the officers and approved by the faculty.

During the past year the squad consisted of about 15 members, including the following officers: Captain, Stephen Baccaro; First Lieutenant, Charles Vigra; Desk Secretary, Jean Carlson. Miss Marie LeVan is the faculty adviser.

Senior Court

The Senior Court firmly upheld its duties as protector of the many senior privileges during the year. Charles Merritt served as judge, Florence Pajor as clerk, and Bernard Brennan as prosecutor.

Chorus

The Music Department and the high school Music Club are endeavoring to develop and instill in the minds of all students "the will to be musical." They realize that time is an element – their present time enjoys the awakening of interest and musical possibilities – their future time looks promising. Vocal, instrumental, and theoretical music will be a definite part of the high school curriculum.

Orchestra

Chemistry

The Chemistry Club meets under the direction of Mrs. Kravitz twice each month. These meetings provide an opportunity for further research in the field of Chemistry and also interest in this field students who otherwise would have no opportunity to become familiar with this subject.

Club

Motif Club

The Motif Club, consisting entirely of senior girls, enjoyed an active year under the able leadership of President Muriel Larson. The other officers were: Vice President, Janice Woods; Secretary, Anna Mayer; Treasurer, Sally Marino; Program Chairman, Betty Lou Fleischer; and Adviser, Miss Marie LeVan.

This year the Berlin BEACON became a printed newspaper with Miss Helen Lynch as adviser. Members of the staff included Jane MacLaughlin, editor-in-chief; Bill Lane and Ralph Meyer, assistant editors; and Aline Silsby, business manager.

The Beacon

Dramatic Club

The Dramatic Club met for the first time January 7, 1947. At this meeting they elected the following officers: President, Marian Giannotta; Vice President, Rita Roy; Secretary, Clarissa O'Connell; Treasurer, Maxine Hinton. Miss Sarah Planting served as adviser.

The two sophomore biology classes united to form a Biology Club under the sponsorship of Miss Norma Wolf.

Officers were: President, Ann Karlsen; Vice President, George Pollard; Secretary, Patricia Brennan; Treasurer, Stanley Zipadelli. Kenneth Schultz headed the committee for by-laws and objectives, and Faye Gooding was in charge of the programs.

The general aim of the club is to increase its knowledge of biology through field trips.

Biology Club

Just a few of our dances...

"Lou"

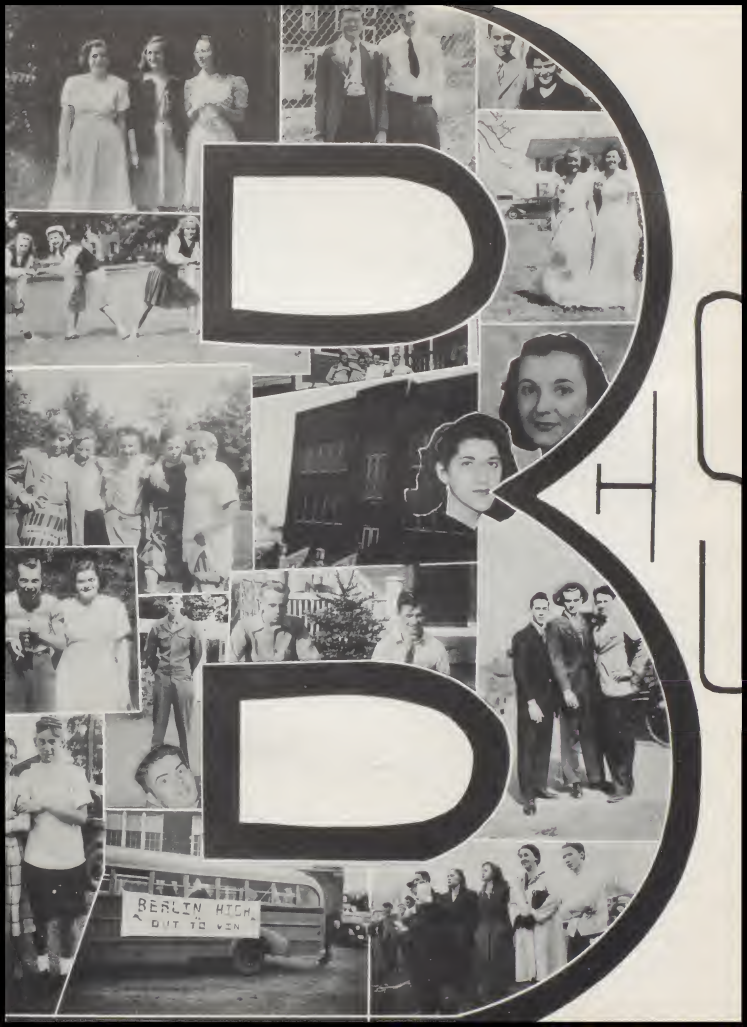
"Peanuts"

Our cheerleaders

Such hard-working people...

"Ma"

"Steve"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MISS ELIZABETH McBRIEN

Tribute

The Class of 1947 wishes to thank its senior adviser, Miss Elizabeth McBrien, for all she has done to make its last year at Berlin High School successful.

Her untiring effort will live long in the memory of her Senior Class.

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